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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF EDITORIAL WHICH APPEARED IN APRIL 20 EDITION OF TIMES OF ZAMBIA:

QTE. THE COMMON STAND OF AFRICA TODAY IS THAT THE LONG OVERDUE SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA SHALL BE BY ARMED FORCE. THIS IS HOW HIGH THE AFRICAN STAKES ARE TO WHICH SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER MUST SUCCEED TO RAISE AMERICA'S NEW AFRICAN POLICY THIS WEEK. THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN QUESTION, OUTSIDE WHICH NO US-AFRICAN POLICY WILL MAKE SENSE, HAS LEFT BEHIND THE POSSIBILITY OF SOLUTION IN RHODESIA BY PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION.

IT IS THEREFORE HOPED THAT HENRY KISSINGER, WILL NOT WASTE AMERICA'S BIG AFRICAN DATE BY RESURRECTING DEAD SOLUTION FORMULAS ON RHODESIA.

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THIS WILL CERTAINLY BE THE CASE IF IN HIS AFRICAN MASTERPIECE

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TO BE DELIVERED FROM THE ZAMBIAN WAR-FRONT, KISSINGER WILL LIMIT HIMSELF TO A REITERATION OF WASHINGTON'S SUPPORT FOR MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS. IN THAT EVENT HIS WHOLE JOURNEY WILL NOT HAVE BEEN WORTH MAKING. SHORT OF THE UNITED STATES JOINING THE AFRICAN CONTINENT IN DECLARING WAR ON THE REBELLION IN RHODESIA, AFRICANS EXPECT KISSINGER'S NEW POLICY AT LEAST TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

FIRSTLY, PROVIDE A WATERSHED FOR THE US GOVERNMENT TO PART WAYS FOR GOOD WITH THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMICAL ASSOCIATION WITH RACISM AND OPPRESSION IN AFRICA AND JOIN FULLY THE AFRICAN FORCES FIGHTING THESE EVILS.

SECONDLY, IT SHOULD MORALLY AND MATERIALLY SUPPORT MOZAMBIQUE AND HER SISTER FRONTLINE STATES WHICH HAVE STEPPED UP THE FIGHT AGAINST THE RHODESIA REBELLION.

THIRDLY, AS A VINDICATION OF AMERICA S NEW DETERMINATION, THE POLICY SHOULD BAN THE IMPORTING OF CHROME FROM RHODESIA TO THE UNITED STATES FORTHWITH UNTIL MAJORITY RULE.

FOURTHLY, THE US SHOULD MAKE AN OPEN APPEAL TO SOUTH AFRICA TO PERSUADE HER TO JOIN ZAMBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE IN CLOSING HER BORDERS AGAINST THE SUICIDAL REBELLION IN RHODESIA.

FIFTHLY, TO PREVENT THE IMMINENT BLOODBATH, THE NEW US-AFRICAN POLICY MUST COME OUT IN FAVOUR OF A RE-ENTRY TO RHODESIA BY BRITAIN WITH SUFFICIENT FORCE TO ASSERT HER AUTHORITY AND SUPERVISE A FAST PROGRESSION TO MAJORITY RULE.

SIXTHLY, THE US POLICY SHOULD ACCEPT THE AFRICAN NATIONALISTS AS THE LEGITIMATE LEADERS OF ZIMBABWE WITH WHOM THE US GOVERNMENT SHOULD ESTABLISH CONTACT AND DEALINGS.

THESE SIX ARE THE MINIMUM FOR A LATE US LINE ON RHODESIA COMING WHEN AFRICA IS NO LONGER INTERESTED IN SOLUTIONS BY TALKING.

RHODESIA IS THE PRIORITY TASK FOR AFRICA AT THIS HOUR. MENACING WORDS BY KISSINGER AGAINST PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR OF LIBERATION BY THE SOVIET UNION OR CUBA OR ANY OTHER VOLUNTEERS WILL CUT NO
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ICE. TO HOLD, AMERICA S NEW POLICE MEASURES ON RHODESIA MUST ENSURE A SPEED SETTLEMENT BEFORE THE BLOODBATH. UNQUOTE
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